



Northumberland County Council

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Date: 22 June 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF on **MONDAY 2 JULY 2018** at **3.00 PM** to transact the business mentioned in the accompanying agenda paper.

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally

Chief Executive

To the members of the County Council



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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

2 JULY 2018

AGENDA PAPER

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 2nd day of July 2018

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the annual meeting of County Council held on 2 May 2018, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record, signed by the Business Chair and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council **(see pages 7- 24)**.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest) they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 4 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature (as defined under paragraph 17 of the Code Conduct) they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room

NB Any member needing clarification must contact Liam Henry, Legal Services Manager, on 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS by the Business Chair, Leader or Head of Paid Service.

5. CORRESPONDENCE (if any) to date of meeting.

6. QUESTIONS to be put to the Business Chair, a member of the Cabinet or the Chair of any Committee or Sub Committee, in accordance with the Constitution's Rules of Procedure No.10.

7. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON:-

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| (1) Tuesday, 8 May 2018 | (see pages 25-34) |
| (2) Thursday 14 June 2018 | (see pages 35-44) |

AND TO APPROVE the following resolutions as they involve budget and policy framework matters requiring Council approval:-

(i) **Minute No. 4(1)(a) of the 8 May 2018** meeting relating to the capital funding for Haydon Bridge High School.

(ii) **Minute No. 13 of the 14 June 2018** meeting relating to the new capital proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

8. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES from the following Committees:-

(1) **Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 45-48)**

(2) **Family and Children's Services OSC (see pages 49-60)**

(3) **Communities and Place OSC (see pages 61-66)**

(4) **Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 67-74)**

(5) **Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 75-82)**

(6) **Audit Committee (see pages 83-90)**

(7) **Devolution Working Group (see pages 91-96)**

9. DELEGATED DECISIONS

To receive details of delegated decisions taken since those last reported to Council (see pages 97-98)

10. MOTIONS

Motion No.1

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No.10, Councillor G. Davey to move the following motion, received by the Democratic Services Manager on 19 June 2018:-

This Council agrees to reinstate the withdrawn Core Strategy as soon as practicable and to reverse its decision of 5th July 2017. The Core Strategy will be reinstated in its entirety along with the associated evidence base and documentation, updated where necessary. The reason for such reinstatement being:-

a) Key advice and information was withheld from members in making the previous decision relating to the implications of withdrawal, costs and timescale. Indeed members were misled in terms of the timeframe for the preparation of a replacement plan with the leader referring to a few months, rather than the true timescale of many times that. The associated costs are also significant, with the costs to date of removal being quoted as over £1M. The decision to withdraw was therefore fundamentally

flawed.

b) Early iterations of the emerging replacement local plan are not suitably aligned with the ambitions for growth embodied in the North East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Economic Plan and indeed the North of Tyne Devolution Plan. Without suitable provision for economic growth and the development of housing in viable market areas Northumberland will fail to meet its economic and job creation targets, thereby leading to population loss and decline.

c) The Secretary of State's Department has made very clear both his and their extreme concern over the Council's position in having no plan in place, nor prospect of one for some considerable time. This places the Council within the worst 4 authorities nationally and we remain under close scrutiny and threat of intervention by Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government. Recent losses of valued and experienced staff in the planning department will no doubt exacerbate this problem further.

d) Reinstatement of the previous Core Strategy will support the many Neighbourhood Plans that have been developed in parallel or in accordance with the Core Strategy and will give both a more coherent planning framework in the County, assisting in our various communities to deliver their own ambitions and reinstating the weight in planning terms lost through the plans withdrawal.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name (please print):
Meeting:
Date:
Item to which your interest relates:
Nature of Registerable Personal Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Annex 2 to Code of Conduct or other interest (as defined by Annex 3 to Code of Conduct) (please give details):
Nature of Non-registerable Personal Interest (please give details):
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?

1. Registerable Personal Interests – You may have a Registerable Personal Interest if the issue being discussed in the meeting:

- a) relates to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined by Annex 1 to the Code of Conduct); or
- b) any other interest (as defined by Annex 2 to the Code of Conduct)

The following interests are Disclosable Pecuniary Interests if they are an interest of either you or your spouse or civil partner:

- (1) Employment, Office, Companies, Profession or vocation; (2) Sponsorship; (3) Contracts with the Council; (4) Land in the County; (5) Licences in the County; (6) Corporate Tenancies with the Council; or
- (7) Securities - interests in Companies trading with the Council.

The following are other Registerable Personal Interests:

- (1) any body of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management) to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council; (2) any body which (i) exercises functions of a public nature or (ii) has charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management); or (3) any person from whom you have received within the previous three years a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of more than £50 which is attributable to your position as an elected or co-opted member of the Council.

2. Non-Registerable Personal Interests - You may have a non-registerable personal interest when you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are, or ought reasonably to be, aware that a decision in relation to an item of business which is to be transacted might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well being or financial position, or the well being or financial position of a person described below to a greater extent than most inhabitants of the area affected by the decision.

The persons referred to above are: (a) a member of your family; (b) any person with whom you have a close association; or (c) in relation to persons described in (a) and (b), their employer, any firm in which they are a partner, or company of which they are a director or shareholder.

3. Non-Participation in Council Business

When you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are aware that the criteria set out below are satisfied in relation to any matter to be considered, or being considered at that meeting, you must : (a) Declare that fact to the meeting; (b) Not participate (or further participate) in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; (c) Not participate in any vote (or further vote) taken on the matter at the meeting; and (d) Leave the room whilst the matter is being discussed.

The criteria for the purposes of the above paragraph are that: (a) You have a registerable or non-registerable personal interest in the matter which is such that a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would reasonably think it so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest; **and either** (b) the matter will affect the financial position of yourself or one of the persons or bodies referred to above or in any of your register entries; **or** (c) the matter concerns a request for any permission, licence, consent or registration sought by yourself or any of the persons referred to above or in any of your register entries.

This guidance is not a complete statement of the rules on declaration of interests which are contained in the Members' Code of Conduct. If in any doubt, please consult the Monitoring Officer or relevant Democratic Services Officer before the meeting.